

Amendments To The Abstract:

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--ABSTRACT

During the operation of a fuel-cell assembly, the latter is supplied with ambient air with the aid of a liquid ring pump. Any foreign matter that is contained in the air is taken up by the service fluid of the liquid ring pump. The charging of the service fluid with foreign matter is controlled. In particular, the service fluid is continuously conducted in an circuit via a purification device.--

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